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|---------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| Kowloon       | Dep. 6.40 | 9.15  | 10.30 | 12.00 | 1.15 | 4.35 | 5.29 |
| Yau-mat       | Dep. 6.50 | 9.25  | 10.39 | 12.09 | 1.24 | 4.44 | 5.38 |
| Shatin        | Dep. 7.02 | 9.36  | 10.50 | 12.20 | 1.36 | 4.56 | 5.51 |
| Tai-po        | Dep. 7.16 | 9.49  | 11.04 | 12.34 | 1.49 | 5.09 | 6.04 |
| Tai-po Market | Dep. 7.31 | 9.58  | 11.08 | 12.38 | 1.53 | 5.13 | 6.08 |
| Fanning       | Dep. 7.32 | 10.03 | 11.18 | 12.48 | 1.59 | 5.24 | 6.19 |
| Shenzhen      | Dep. 7.36 | 10.07 | 11.22 | 12.52 | 2.07 | 5.28 | 6.23 |
| Shenzhen      | Arr. 7.43 | 10.13 | 11.28 | 12.58 | 2.13 | 5.34 | 6.29 |

| Stations      | A.M.      | A.M. | A.M.  | P.M.  | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---------------|-----------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| Shenzhen      | Dep. 7.21 | 9.55 | 10.38 | 11.40 | 3.00 | 4.17 | 5.13 |
| Shenzhen      | Dep. 7.28 | 9.58 | 10.45 | 11.47 | 3.07 | 4.24 | 5.20 |
| Fanning       | Dep. 7.32 | 9.58 | 10.49 | 11.51 | 3.11 | 4.28 | 5.24 |
| Tai-po Market | Dep. 7.42 | 9.58 | 10.59 | 12.02 | 3.21 | 4.38 | 5.34 |
| Tai-po        | Dep. 7.46 | 9.58 | 11.04 | 12.07 | 3.25 | 4.43 | 5.39 |
| Shatin        | Dep. 7.59 | 9.58 | 11.17 | 12.21 | 3.38 | 4.56 | 5.51 |
| Yau-mat       | Dep. 8.12 | 9.58 | 11.29 | 12.33 | 3.50 | 5.08 | 6.03 |
| Kowloon       | Arr. 8.20 | 9.58 | 11.37 | 12.41 | 3.58 | 5.16 | 6.11 |

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| Shenzhen      | Dep. 8.19 | 9.58 | 11.47 | 3.07 | 4.24 | 5.27 | 6.16 |
| Fanning       | Dep. 8.23 | 9.58 | 11.51 | 3.11 | 4.28 | 5.31 | 6.20 |
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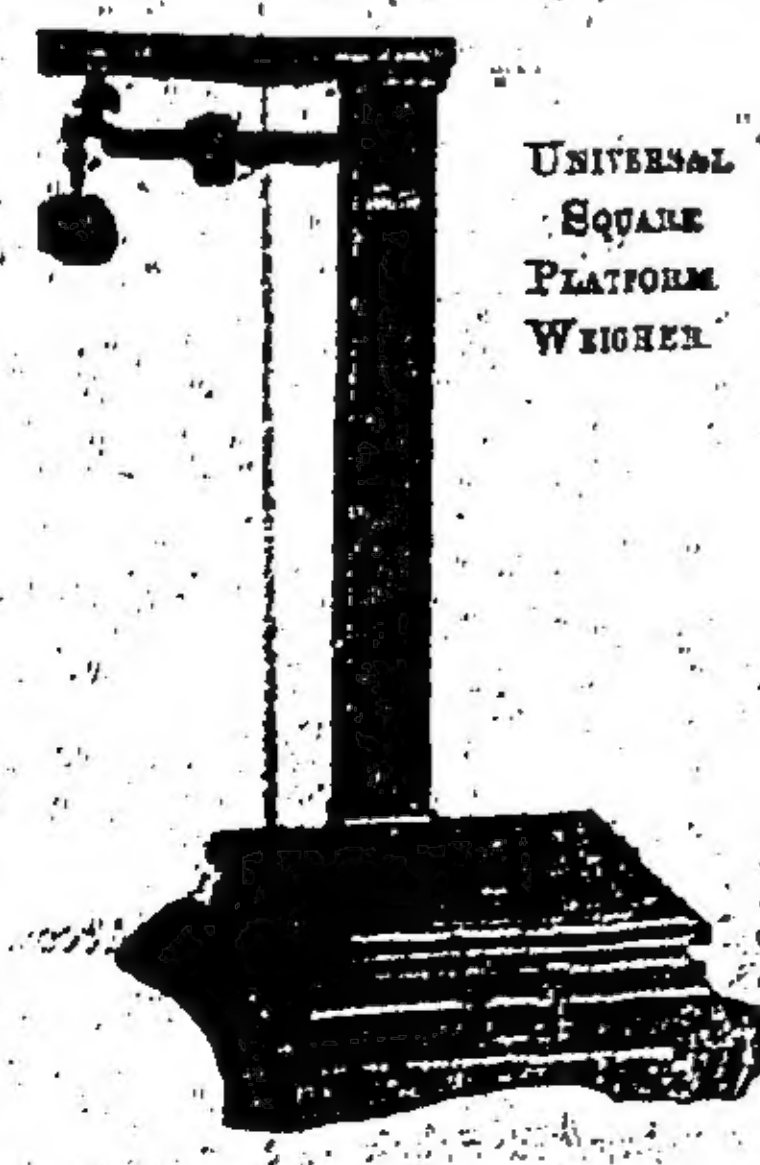
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### SCOTTISH LETTER. SPREAD OF THE HOUSING WAR. CRISIS RAPIDLY APPROACHING.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)  
EDINBURGH, February 4th.  
The housing war divides itself into two separate parts, the first affecting Britain as a whole and the other being at present restricted to the West of Scotland, though there are signs of it spreading over the whole country. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Health Minister, has been forced into the front of the fray principally through the action of the masters and men of the building trade of Glasgow, who have combined to place obstacles in the way of the erection of what is known as the Weir steel houses. His declaration of policy is sharp and strong. "If the public wants these houses it is not going to tolerate obstruction," he said, "whatever form it may take or from whatever quarter it may come." The union was apparently afraid of competition and wanted to suppress steel houses before they made themselves known. That was what he was determined to prevent. This was no time for any section of the community to put sand in the wheels and prevent a fair and impartial examination of any method which had a chance of helping them out of a great difficulty.  
Messrs. Weir, of Glasgow, desire to erect these houses with shipbuilding labour at shipbuilding wages. The building trade replies that as it is houses, not ships, which are to be built, the rate of wages paid must be that of the building trade. In other words, it seeks, by the means of punctiliousness, to preserve intact the monopoly which every year is working more seriously to the nation's detriment. The building trade Unions, thanks to their consistent policy of refusing to admit additional labour except on their own terms, are unable themselves to erect as many houses as the country needs, and they are determined, it seems, that no one else shall erect them.

THE BEST WAR.  
The other half of the housing trouble is generally known as "the rent war." The organisers of the Clydebank rent strike are making a bold effort to extend the trouble to other parts of the country and to some extent they have already succeeded. The Emergency Committee are in their own words, "attacking house-owners and factors on every question likely to embarrass them so far as the collection of rents is concerned." They contemplate the possibility of the movement developing into a national tenants' union—"the biggest and most powerful union in Britain"—with "immense possibilities" before it. It might hold up rents "for a thousand reasons"; it might even "hold up the administration of the country." Could there be a more crude, a more iniquitous appeal to class consciousness and class prejudice? It reveals the real character of the Clydebank agitation which is political, Bolshevik, revolutionary. This aim was openly avowed by Mr. Maxton, M.P., when referring to the "sturdy" character of the people of Clydebank, he said that "they will smash the capitalist system before it smashes them." And again—"We made them discontented. Widespread discontent is necessary for the elevation of the people."

The latest manoeuvre at Clydebank, which might be regarded as amusing were the matter not so serious, arises out of four interdicts which were granted against tenants for returning after evictions. The tenants made a move to defeat this by exchanging houses. The writ, they argued, is thus no longer applicable against the person mentioned in it in respect of the house in question, because he has moved to another house by mutual arrangement with another tenant in the same position. The Lord Advocate has been appealed to take action under the Trespass Act, 1865, against evicted tenants who have resumed possession, but he has replied that, particularly in view of the inquiry about to be held by the Departmental Committee into the Clydebank problem he is not prepared to intervene. The position has thus reached a deadlock so far as enforcement of the law is concerned.

BIG WHISKY MERGER.  
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The reason for all this gambling is now revealed. The Big Three, in the Scotch whisky trade have concluded a merger—Buchanan-Dewar, Distillers Company, and Johnnie Walker. A further rumour is to the effect that amalgamation is going still further, that by-and-by all the Scotch whisky in the world will be

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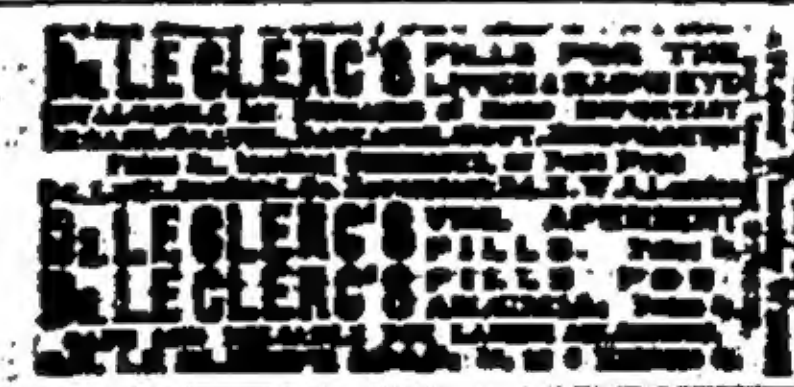
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#### SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Harter & Co.'s Piece Goods Market Report dated March 13th says: The improved tone of our market mentioned in our last two reports has been fairly well maintained. Clearances generally have not been quite so favourable as last week, but yet fair quantities have gone into consumption.

Auction prices were steady, with the exception of Fast Blacks, which were about 31 mace down.

This is the off season for Fast Blacks, in addition to which the demand from Yangtze Ports has again been poor, the presence of large numbers of troops in the Chinkiang and Wuhu areas still causing uneasiness, and dealers are adopting a cautious attitude.

It would seem that our market is not at the moment prepared to pay the prices asked by Manchester, as there is still a fairly wide margin of difference in replacing costs, and although there has been a certain amount of enquiry, very little business has actually been booked.

#### TAX SHOCK FOR ISLANDERS.

JERSEY, GUERNSEY, AND MAN  
ASKED TO PAY MORE.

The Government are considering what steps they can take to secure from the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man their fair share of the costs of the war.

Sir William Joynton-Hicks, the Home Secretary, is likely to raise the matter in the House of Commons.

The position concerning the Channel Islands is remarkable. At the beginning of 1923 the British Government invited Jersey to pay £325,000 and Guernsey £275,000 annually to the Imperial Exchequer.

Jersey's attitude has been that "neither legally nor constitutionally" can she agree to make any contribution, notwithstanding the fact that pensions and allowances disbursed by the Ministry of Pensions to men in Jersey total £46,000 a year, while pensions and allowances in Guernsey amount to nearly £60,000.

When the Government made the request which Jersey refused to meet, the total taxation of the island amounted to only £23 6s. a head. The amount payable in Great Britain is £17 1s. a head.

The answer of Guernsey to the suggestion that the island should contribute £275,000 a year to the Imperial Exchequer was an offer of the payment of £200,000, the Guernsey income tax was fourpence in the pound. The duties on tobacco, spirits, and sugar are almost negligible. A bottle of whisky costs six shillings.

SUGGESTIONS.

Action now rests with Parliament, and the Government have decided to revive the whole matter.

The suggestion of the Government to the Isle of Man was that the statutory contribution of the island should be raised to £150,000 a year, including the temporary war contribution of £30,000 for twelve years, and that the Accumulated Fund of the island should be reduced by the transfer of £100,000 of War Stock to the Imperial Government for cancellation. The Isle of Man Legislature offered £200,000, with the proviso that the money should not be taken from the Accumulated Fund nor raised by taxation on food.

#### TURKEY'S BUDGET.

##### LOAN OPERATIONS PREDICTED.

Sooner or later, when internal political influences, which run counter to the foreigners, are controlled in the new Turkey, loan operations will need to be considered says the London Daily Telegraph. That is a foregone conclusion which occasionally inspires hope that the Turks will make an arrangement with the bondholders, and a perusal of the figures of the Budget for the year 1925-26 makes it clear that external assistance will be required to get the finances straight. The proposals submitted in the new Budget for the Turkish year 1341 (i.e., 1925-26) show an estimated expenditure of £1108,288,945, against £7140,433,369 for the previous year, and though the expected revenue is placed at £2145,306,978 against £1129,214,610 the revenue does not keep pace with the higher expenditure, and the deficit works out at £116,981,964, against £111,218,759.

The principal cause of the increased expenditure of £721,855,573 is under national defence, for which £76,420,000 more is required, but as evidence that some effort is being made to take matters in hand larger amounts are to be voted for education, justice, public health, and what is equally encouraging, public debt. The expenditure is hardly likely to fall below the estimated figure, and the question must always be whether the various taxes will bring in the estimated amounts. The land tax which is calculated to increase £76,000,000, arises from an increase in the rate on rural property from 4 per cent. to 24 per cent. The sale of real property belonging to the State is expected to realise some £78,600,000 more, and Customs duty on tobacco and consumption taxes are each considered likely to produce larger sums for the revenue. On the other hand, for tithes, on the coming into force of a new law, a decrease of £78,150,000 is foreseen, and though the "dry" régime was abolished and the duty on alcohol increased, less revenue is anticipated from this source.



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Messrs. Guthrie & Co., Kuala Lumpur, are in receipt of telegraphic advice from the secretaries of Cheviot Rubber, Ltd., to the effect that, in respect of the year 1924, the directors have decided to recommend the payment on the 25th inst. of a dividend of 7½ per cent., to place £2,000 to reserve, and to carry forward £2,521. They are also in receipt of telegraphic advice from the secretaries of the Labu (F.M.S.) Rubber Co. to the effect that, in respect of the year 1924, the directors have decided to recommend the payment on the 26th inst. of a dividend of 7½ per cent., to place £2,400 to reserve, and to carry forward £2,991.

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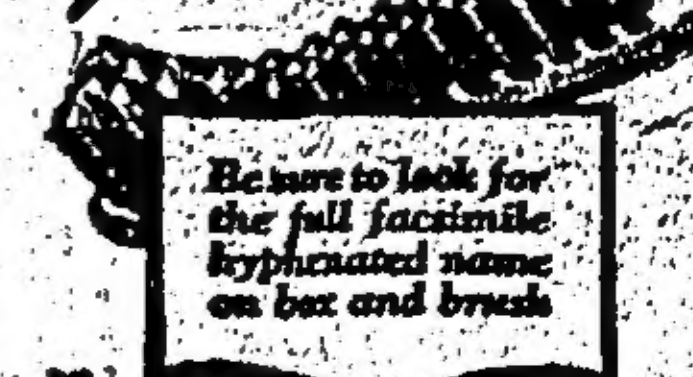
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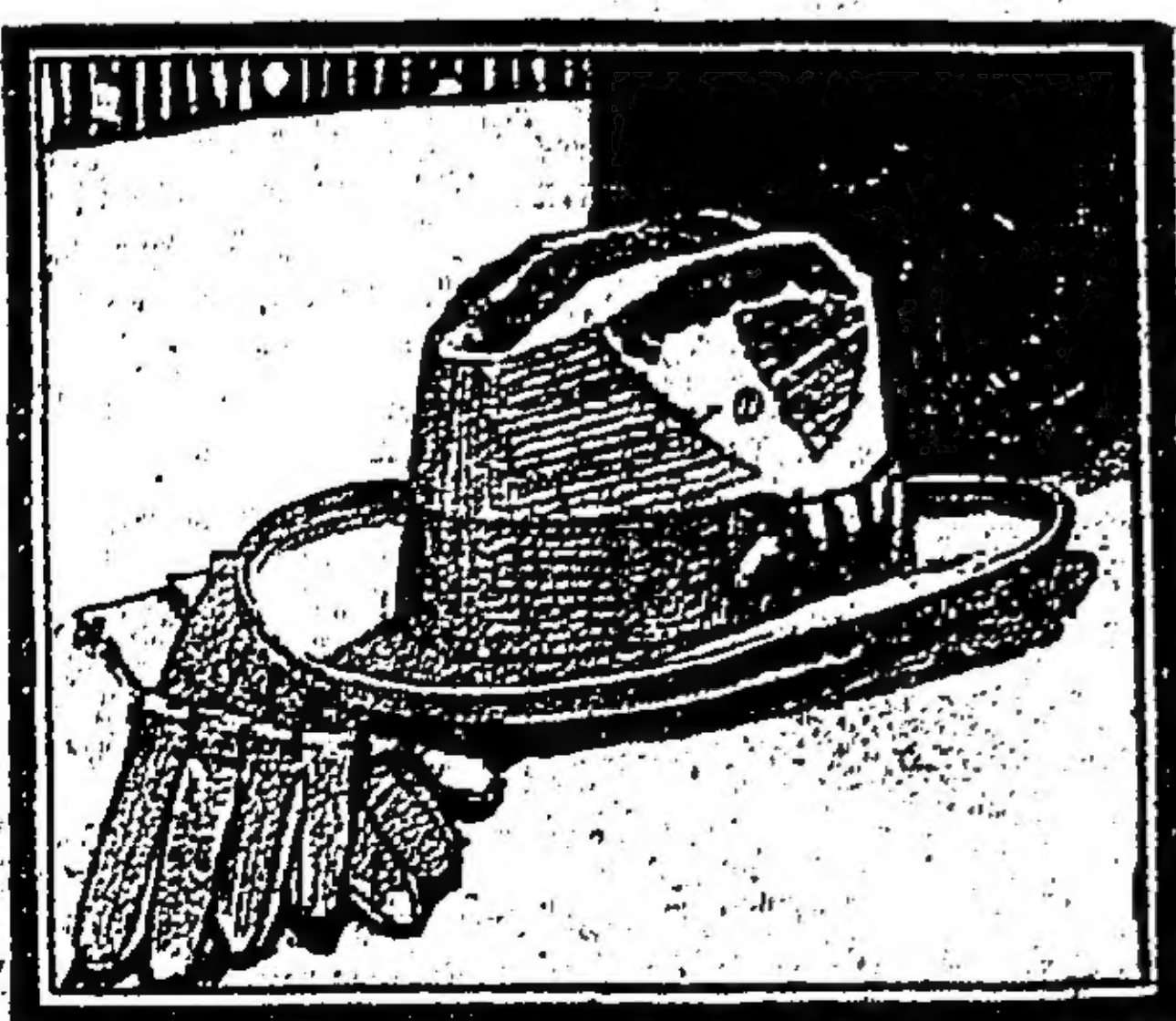
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## THE LATE DR. SUN YAT SEN. CONDOLENCES BY CONSULS AT CANTON.

The *Canton Gazette* reports:— Upon receipt of the sad intelligence that Dr. Sun Yat Sen had passed away, many expressions of condolence from the various Consuls in Canton have reached the Department of Foreign Affairs, while several Consuls have personally paid visits to the Foreign Office to offer their tribute to the memory of China's great patriot and leader.

Among those who had called at the Department of Foreign Affairs up to Saturday were:—Douglas Jenkins, American Consul-General; Johann H. Hermann, Acting-Consul of the U.S.S.R.; R. C. W. Bobrend, German Vice-Consul; Capt. Constain, of the U.S.S. *Helena*; and F. da Horta, Portuguese Consul-General.

Sir James Jamieson writes:— This sad news cannot but turn the thoughts of all men to his high ideals and his ever-present desire to advance the interests of the Chinese people, and characterises him as the "great national leader."

Mr. Jenkins, the American Consul-General, writes:— May I take this opportunity to express my deep regret on this sad occasion and to inform you that the flag of this Consulate-General has been placed at half-mast out of respect for the memory of so distinguished a citizen of the Chinese Republic?

Monsieur de la Prade, the French Consul, sends his condolences "on the occasion of the cruel loss which you and your countrymen have sustained in the person of Dr. Sun Yat Sen; his long and painful suffering, his energy and serenity in the last trial have a symbolic value; the death of this statesman is worthy of his life of study, of labour, and of struggle."

Sympathetic messages have also been received from the German Consul, the Japanese Consul, the Acting Consul of the U.S.S.R., the Consul for Denmark, and the Acting Consul for the Netherlands.

FLAGS AT HALF-MAST.

While all of the Consulates and some of the private firms in Shumoen are flying their flags at half-mast as a mark of respect to this country, it is remarked in Chinese circles that the merchant shipping which ply daily to and from Canton have completely ignored this act of international courtesy.

MEMORIAL CEREMONIES.

Mr. Hu Han Min, the Civil Governor, presided over a great meeting of members of the Kuomintang at Canton, held in the First Public Park, convened for the purpose of holding commemorative ceremonies in connection with the death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen. The park frontage was draped in black and white as a sign of mourning. An altar was erected inside the parade ground. A life-size portrait of Dr. Sun was hung in the centre, draped with flags of the Kuomintang. Dr. Sun's will and other testamentary declarations were exhibited round the altar. There were also many flags flying, bearing inscriptions such as "Inextinguishable Principles," "Imperishable Inspiration," and so forth.

Over 20,000 persons are stated to have been present, including members from the Central Executive Committee and its Canton branches, the Whampoa Military Academy, the Military Academy of the Yunnanese, Kwangsi-ite and Cantonese forces, schools, men and women, in Canton, Labour Unions, Public Institutions, and Agricultural Military and Government circles.

The proceedings consisted of an opening address by the Chairman; three bows; silence for five minutes as a sign of mourning; then speeches by members and finally a parade and procession.

The Civil Governor in his speech said that the death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen meant not merely a loss to the Kuomintang and the Chinese nation, but a great loss to the whole world. "Although dead his spirit and his principles will never perish. It becomes our great duty, therefore, to carry out his wishes, and to strive to accomplish the revolution, so that our revolutionary campaign may be widely extended."

General Tchen Wu, who spoke to similar effect, said in the course of his address: as it is translated by the *Canton Gazette*:—"There is, however, a minority of people who are delighted at his death. This portion comprises the Imperialistic Powers, the big landlords, militarists such as Tiao Kuo and Wu Pei Fu, the big capitalists, the corrupt officials and other oppressors of the common people. They are happy because the chief opponent to their aggression and oppression of the four hundred millions is now gone. But they fail to understand that Dr. Sun's spirit and principles will never perish. He remains always in our mind and will still lead us in the revolution campaign. The responsibility for the salvation of our Nation now falls on our shoulders. We must, therefore, exert ourselves in the struggle for the completion of the revolution."

After further speeches by Mr. Wong Yat Fei, and Mr. Sung Wei Fun, all bowed three times before the portrait of Dr. Sun followed by another pause for five minutes' silence.

At the conclusion, Mr. Hu Han Min read Dr. Sun's last will and the following oath of the Kuomintang:

"We, 500,000 members of the Kuomintang, hereby swear that we shall respectively follow the last will of the late President in carrying out his scheme of a national revolution."

After taking the oath, all the members shouted out: "Imperishable are the Spirit of our President, and his principles. Long live the Chinese Republic and the Kuomintang."

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

## CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

### THE ATHLETIC MEETING.

Deferring to the wish of the authorities in Canton that, during the period of general mourning for Dr. Sun Yat Sen, all forms of entertainment be curtailed, the 8th Canton Athletic Meeting, at Kwangtung University, Canton, postponed from March 16th-19th to March 20th-24th, will eliminate all displays and only carry out the contest events. This means that the flag drill by 1,000 Chinese girls, calisthenic exercises by 1,000 Chinese boys, and the boy scouts inspection, review, and demonstrations for which there had been much preparation and training will not be staged. It is also the desire of the authorities that there shall be no bands, singing, or cheers. Instead of the usual demonstrations at the beginning of the Meeting, it will open to-morrow, March 20th, with a silence of five minutes with all present standing and their heads uncovered as a mark of respect to the late Kuomintang chief.

### A PARK AS A MEMORIAL.

At the meeting of the Society of the Revolution in Canton on March 14th, the Committee resolved to request the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee to appropriate the Goddess of Mercy Hill, or Kwan Yum Shan, as a public park to be named the "Chung Shan Garden," to demolish the Temple of the Goddess of Mercy in order to replace it with a statue of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who is also known as Sun Chung Shan and Sun Wen; and to set aside \$100,000 as the nucleus of a fund to inaugurate the project.

### NORTHERN NOTES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

### MARSHAL CHANG TSO LIN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

MUKDEN, March 9th.

The celebration of Marshal Chang Tso Lin's birthday, which fell on March 8th, brought visitors from far and near. Amongst them were many delegates from the Reorganisation Conference with the result that this august body was deprived of a quorum and could not function for several days. Representatives of the Chief Executive, of Cabinet Ministers, and of Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang were present, while the members of the Consular Corps and foreign residents also attended.

Having assembled in an adjoining building, where they were met by the "Young General," the guests proceeded to the Marshal's residence, on the verandah of which Chang Tso Lin himself, with a happy smile on his face, received the large party. He addressed a few words of welcome, expressing his pleasure at seeing so many present, and explaining that it was not his wish that such a celebration should have taken place when the affairs of the country were in such a sad state but that he had had to give way to their desires. These remarks on being interpreted by Mr. H. V. Kao, of the Foreign Office, were warmly applauded after which Mr. F. E. Wilkinson, C.M.G., British Consul-General, called for "Three cheers for the Marshal," which were heartily given, followed by a tiger.

The guests having been entertained to tiffin, met in the improvised theatre in the Civil Governor's yamen. Here Mei Lan Fang and leading actors from Peking performed to the great delight of all present. By means of the Western Electric Public address system the entertainment was broadcasted to different parts of the city by means of six "loud speakers" and was transmitted to Tientsin by long distance telephone and there broadcasted.

The celebrations lasted for three days, and the exodus from the city began to-day.

The absence of uniform on this occasion was noteworthy.

### WIRELESS IN MANCHURIA.

The employment of radio in connection with the above celebrations led your correspondent to make inquiries regarding what was being done in this department. At the Branch Office located in one of the apartments of the former Manchuria Palace, he was informed that there are wireless stations in operation at Mukden, Changchun, Harbin, Tungking (on the junction of the Sungari and Amur Rivers), Manchuli, Yinkow and Hulanho. Others are in construction at Antung, Tsitsihar and Petropavlovsk; while plans for additional stations are being considered. The Telefunken Co. has supplied the materials, but the erection of the stations has been carried out by Chinese. Mukden, which possesses the most powerful equipment of the group, and is able to communicate with the Philippines and Honolulu, issues a daily bulletin of messages sent out from Nauen. Harbin does likewise.

At present all these stations are utilised for official purposes, but it is hoped to open them to commercial use very shortly, as well as the long-distance telephone from Mukden to Tientsin, which has recently been completed.

Another interesting announcement made here was that the Central Government planned to remove the embargo on the import of radio material and to this end the Department of Telegraphs is preparing draft regulations.

A parade and procession through the maloes were then started at about 2.30 p.m. Two aeroplanes, draped in black, flew over the Public Park three times, as an expression of mourning.

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Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant and am desired by the Prince of Wales to thank you for the copy of the 60th annual edition of "THE DIRECTORY & CHRONICLE FOR CHINA, JAPAN, THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, ETC., ETC." which His Royal Highness has been pleased to accept, and which will be extremely useful during the remainder of the tour.

Yours faithfully,

GODFREY THOMAS,  
(Private Secretary.)

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## CINEMA NOTES.

CORONET THEATRE.

"The Moon of Israel" which comes to the Coronet Theatre for the next few days has been acclaimed a masterpiece from every standpoint. Based on Sir Rider Haggard's famous novel, "The Moon of Israel" is essentially a love story, though we are told that it has a stupendous background, which includes the pomp and circumstance of the mighty Pharaohs and the escape of the Chosen People out of the land of bondage.

THE WORLD THEATRE.

A "costume" setting for a non-costume play is the atmosphere which pervades Universal's new Mary Philbin film, "The Gaiety Girl," which comes to-morrow to the World Theatre.

The company worked for weeks in sequences in the picture which have their setting in the interior of the famous Fenecarreg castle, one of the landmarks of England's western coast.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Large and appreciative audiences greeted Murray, the famous Australian handoff manipulator, and "Escapologist" when he made his bow last night at the Queen's Theatre. The initial portion of Murray's entertainment consisted of some clever sleight of hand tricks interspersed with a line of original comedy. His feature trick called "The \$5,000 Trunk Mystery" was the piece de resistance. How he freed himself from the trunk after been securely bound, manacled and placed in a sack, is something that must remain a mystery until the performer, himself divulges it.

## SOLDIER IN TROUBLE.

TRUCULENT PRIVATE WHO BROKE  
A BULB.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Private William Day, of the 1st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, was charged on three counts, (a) with having behaved in a noisy and disorderly manner, (b) with having damaged an electric bulb valued at 50 cents, and (c) with assaulting a Chinese constable.

A Chinese master-tailor of 19, Spring Garden Lane, said that at 11.45 p.m. on the 17th inst. the door of his shop, which was bolted, was forced open by four soldiers. He (witness) had also a cigarette stall in the shop and the first thing the soldiers did was to scatter the cigarettes. Then defendant broke the electric bulb, with his walking stick. The soldiers afterwards ran away and witness gave chase. He saw a Chinese constable close with defendant, who broke away after striking the constable in the face. Defendant was eventually arrested by an Indian constable.

The latter, giving evidence, said that the other soldiers were coming to the rescue of defendant, when he was captured, but bolted on the approach of an Indian Sergeant.

Inspector C. F. Aris said that when he examined defendant in the charge-room he found two abrasions on the soldier's hand, which defendant said that he had received whilst playing hand ball on the previous day.

Defendant was fined \$6 on the first charge and ordered to pay 50 cents compensation on the second. The third charge will be heard on Friday morning.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## PIECE GOODS BUSINESS IN HONGKONG.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir—An article in your morning contemporary yesterday headed "Hongkong Trade" and "How Piece Goods Dealers Suffer," says so much in such a short space that it is impossible to say whether it refers to Chinese dealers, Chinese importers, or European importers. If it is true that a number of Chinese firms have been unable to meet drafts for goods which are ordered, then I must take it that they are Chinese importers with whom suppliers in England are doing a direct trade.

In the last few years a great many Chinese firms of no standing and less knowledge have commenced business as importers and exporters. Having very little knowledge of the articles in which they deal, and very little capital and no credit facilities, it is not surprising that when trade is not good, trouble must ensue not merely because trade is in more than a normal bad state, it must have its bad times as well as its good—bad because people are trying to handle that trade without the ability and capacity for doing it properly. The trade must not be blamed.

It is quite true that at the present time the piece goods' dealers are having a very hard time, but I doubt if very many of them have hypochondriacal goods, because when business is bad they do not take up the goods but have them on the importers' hands and as a rule, it is the European importer who has to have his money outstanding for several months and eventually pay interest and charges himself. Although the piece goods' business in Hongkong is on an alleged cash basis the dealers are given four months after the arrival of consignments to take up the goods they have ordered and that can hardly be considered a strict cash basis.

With regard to the last remarks in this article it is impossible to believe that the author knew what he was talking about when he wrote of the crisis in April or May "when fresh shipments arrive. Anybody in the trade knows that until next August practically no shipments of piece goods will be put on this market as it is not time for any arrivals to take place.

I must admit that as far as the piece goods' dealers are concerned my sympathies are with them because they have to pay for the goods when they take them and then have to give credit to their customers. This means that periodically, in order to get in money, they have to sell their cargo at practically the same price as they bought it, since they have not the capital or facilities for holding it, and we can take it today that the piece goods' dealers are disposing of as much cargo as they can at cost price whilst this cargo when it is replaced will cost 10 to 15 per cent. more.

On the other hand, the piece goods' dealers are themselves to blame in that although having two strong and powerful guilds they will not organise themselves to be in such a position that they can insist at all times upon being paid a fair price for their goods. There are, taking small and large, at least 200 piece goods' dealers in Hongkong. If the guilds started a bank of their own each firm taking shares of \$10,000 there would be a capital of two million dollars. Amongst the partners of the various piece goods' firms are many rich and influential Chinese and it would not be difficult to obtain a capital of \$5 to 10 million dollars if a first-class European banker were to be put in charge. Then they would have the support of the European banks, as such a bank would be of great assistance to them. The European firms could then with safety give the piece goods' dealers, say, on days' credit in a promissory note form, such promissory note to be guaranteed or discounted by the bank. The piece goods' dealers would then be able to get all the facilities they needed at what would be little more than European bank rate interest. The European importers would be in a position of knowing exactly the standing of the dealers through this bank, and the big fluctuations in the piece goods' trade which have taken place especially during the last five years would be done away with. The risk taken by the bank would be small because the dealings would be practically with their own shareholders and the bank would be in a position to know exactly the standing and the integrity of the dealer. Before the war the piece goods' dealers were given three months' credit, but owing to the Chinese way of taking too much advantage of a good thing, they split this system by eventually taking six months or more. Even then, however, the risk was not a very large one and it speaks well for the honesty of the Chinese when I can say that for 10 years previous to the war the losses on credits did not amount to more than half per cent. per annum. It is more surprising that after so many years of business the Chinese piece goods' dealers have not got together and evolved such a scheme as I have outlined above, especially seeing that they have the ability and the business connections, and at the present time I should say the available capital waiting for them.

—Yours faithfully,  
MANCUNIAN.

## CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[BY MR. HENRY GOLLAN.]

## LARCENY AND ARMS CASES.

Chan To was charged with stealing from the person of Mo Fat Yau \$30, while the latter was leaving the s.s. *Ziachow* on February 27th.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted, said that complainant was a trader who had come down from Pakhoi. The *Linchow* arrived at 6 p.m. on the night in question. Complainant was wearing an inner jacket in the left pocket of which he had three rolls of ten-cent pieces, each roll containing \$10. As he was leaving the ship he felt prisoner's hand in his pocket and seized hold of him, accusing him of stealing the money. The man produced one of the rolls and offered it back. Some sort of struggle followed, and both men fell into a motor boat which was alongside the gangway.

Complainant and several witnesses could not be present, said the Crown Solicitor, and having obtained permission he read their evidence.

Prisoner denied that he had anything to do with the theft and that he handed a roll of coins to complainant.

The jury found prisoner guilty, and he was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, with hard labour. Five previous convictions were proved against him.

[BY MR. JUSTICE GOMPERTZ.]

## ARMS CASES.

A Chinese was charged with having in his possession a loaded revolver, and also with having returned to the Colony after having been banished for ten years. Prisoner pleaded guilty, and said that he had returned from abroad. He was given the revolver by a friend. Prisoner was sentenced to seven years' hard labour on the first count, and three years on the second—in all ten years.

## TEMPTED TO CARRY ARMS.

Tung Sing appeared on a charge of having in his possession four revolvers and 400 rounds of ammunition.

Mr. N. I. Brewer appeared on behalf of prisoner, and pleaded guilty. He asked his Lordship to use his discretionary powers in favour of the prisoner. The arms were not his, although they were in his possession. The man had a blind father and a wife and small child to keep. He was tempted to carry these arms in order to get money for these dependents, and fell.

Prisoner was sentenced to five years' imprisonment with hard labour.

Lau Sui Chuen was charged with the possession of a loaded revolver, and pleading guilty, and said that the principal tenant of the premises where he lived gave him the weapon. He gave it to him to use as a weapon for fighting. He had been drinking, and it was forced into his hand. Prisoner was sentenced to five years' hard labour.

Lau Sing Chu was charged with having a dagger in his possession, and pleaded guilty. Mr. Hall-Whyte, who prosecuted for the Crown Solicitor, said that prisoner was arrested at the same time as the prisoner in the previous case. He had this dagger in his pocket and also had five walnuts, which it was suggested might be used as gags. Prisoner also blamed the principal tenant for giving him the weapon. He was sentenced to seven years' hard labour.

Two other men Lau Kau Wah and Lau Poon, who were also charged with having daggers in their possession, were each sentenced to seven years' hard labour. These men were arrested in connection with the previous two cases and said that the principal tenant gave them the weapons.

SENTENCE QUASHED.  
CHINESE BROKER'S APPEAL  
SUCCEEDS AT RE-TRIAL.

On the 10th inst., Tan Hon, a Chinese broker, of 189, Queen's Road West, was sentenced to three months' hard labour, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy, for being the receiver of a Singer sewing machine, which had been stolen.

Mr. M. K. Lo, defendant's solicitor, later appealed for a re-hearing which was granted.

The case was reheard before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. It had been stated at the first hearing that defendant had bought the machine for \$50 and sold it for \$96. The truth was that he had paid \$80 for the machine and sold it for \$96, making thereby a profit of \$16 only. The policeman who arrested defendant said that, after being charged, the defendant had taken him to the house where the machine was.

The manager of the "Singer Sewing Machine Co." said defendant was given \$250 for each new machine he sold. He had known defendant for years and had never known him do anything unfair or unlawful.

His Worship quashed the sentence.

NEW BAKERY MACHINES.  
INNOVATION AT THE WISEMAN  
FACTORY.

Time saving bread making machines, which also make for cleanliness inasmuch as dough need hardly be touched in the process of manufacture, have recently been installed in the Wiseman Factory at Waichai, and yesterday afternoon, directors of the Company, accompanied by several friends, including Dr. Koch and Dr. W. W. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health), visited the Factory, and saw the machines at work.

The party was shown round the factory by Mr. D. M. Goodall, manager of the Wiseman, who explained the machinery, and the company was greatly interested in the various improvements and innovations.

By the new process flour is fed into the hopper and mechanically sifted in the dough kneading machine direct, in determined quantities. The dough kneading machine makes 600lbs. of dough in 20 minutes. To make this quantity of dough by hand would take four men at least 45 minutes and a very laborious task it would be at that, and not altogether an hygienic process, but not only is this machine a time and labour saver, but the quality of the bread that the machine produces is claimed to be far better than hand-made bread. With machine-made bread, it is further claimed that one gets well made bread all the time and not part of the time.

From the kneading machine the dough passes into the dough divider and moulder. The divider weighs the dough with extreme accuracy, and automatically passes on to the moulder, where the piece of dough is moulded, and from the moulder it is placed into the baking tins and after "proving" for about 20 minutes is ready for the oven. The capacity of the dough divider and moulder is 1,200lbs. of bread an hour.

A small machine of the same type has been installed for rolls and buns, and is capable of turning out 3,000 rolls an hour.

There are four new ovens—two draw-plates and two peel ovens, the two former being used principally for bread. The great feature of the draw-plate ovens is again, the saving of labour and time. A draw-plate oven containing 300lbs. of bread can be filled and emptied in less than five minutes by two men. Two cake machines have been installed, one for making wedding cakes, plum and Madeira cakes and one for making all kinds of sponge delicacies and fancy cakes.

Those present included Messrs. R. L. Bridger, F. M. Crawford, W. A. Eustace, W. E. L. Shenton, J. S. Jordan (Secretary), Dr. W. W. Pearce and Dr. W. W. Pearce (M.O.H.).

A JEWISH STOWAWAY.  
DIFFICULTY OVER PASSPORT.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Saul Buchowsky, a pipe fitter, aged 37, of Palestine, appeared on remand, charged with having landed in the Colony by the s.s. *Angkor*, without having obtained his passport from Shanghai to Hongkong, and without the permission of the owner or master of the vessel.

Inspector P. Angus said he had made inquiries regarding this case and found that the defendant's fare could not be paid to Port Said, but only to Singapore, where he could probably be sent on to Port Said by his friends, down there. That was not satisfactory, as defendant had no passport and would not be allowed to land when he reached there.

Mr. P. O. Pruster, who interpreted, asked that defendant might be sent to the house of detention and he would try to do something for him. He also handed over his interpreter's fees to defendant. His Worship committed the man to the House of Detention for fourteen days.

"NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH."  
QUARRY BAY A.D.C. AT THE  
STAR THEATRE.

The Quarry Bay A.D.C., who gave such an enjoyable presentation of James Montgomery's comedy, "Nothing But the Truth," at the Tai Koo Club earlier this month—a full report of which appeared in the *Daily Press* on that occasion—gave another performance of the play at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, last night.

The company on this occasion gave the performance in aid of the very worthy object of St. Dunstan's Hostel for blind soldiers and sailors.

Last night's entertainment was just as pleasing and amusing as when it was presented at the Tai Koo Club, and the performers were given just as spontaneous and warm-hearted a reception as was accorded to them on that occasion, by the large audience which evidenced its appreciation by their continuous applause. During the intervals, enjoyable selections were rendered by the Ubique Orchestra.

UPSIDE DOWN IN MID-AIR.  
PERFORMER FREES HIMSELF  
FROM STRAIGHT JACKET.

Hundreds of people gathered outside the Queen's Theatre, just before five o'clock yesterday evening, to witness a "stunt" by Murray, the Australian hand-cuff manipulator, who is performing at the Theatre.

Murray was tightly strapped into a straight waistcoat by two soldiers, and a rope was attached to his legs. By means of a pulley he was drawn up into the air upside down, until he was about ten feet from the ground, and here he commenced to work himself free. Gradually he worked his arms over his head by contracting his muscles, and in a very short space of time had the jacket off. During the whole period he was suspended in mid-air Murray kept talking to his audience.

The "stunt" over, Murray disappeared into the Theatre, and the crowd quickly dispersed.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## LAWN TENNIS.

## H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

## YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

The following games were decided yesterday in the H.K.C.C. Lawn Tennis Tournament:—

Open Championship Doubles.—Ng Sui Cheong and Yung Hin Lun beat J. S. A. Curran and S. A. A. Ismail, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1. Capt. T. O'Callaghan and Dr. E. B. Hawley beat Hung Hui Chen and In Tak Lam, 6-0, 6-1, 6-1. Yew Man Tsun and Ho Ka Lai beat T. Honda and H. Yoshida, 3-6, 4-8, 6-3, 8-6, 6-1.

Open Championship Singles.—H. D. Rumball beat D. J. Alfrey, 6-0, 6-1, 6-2. Dr. Sudo beat D. S. Green, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "A".—E. Grimbly (+3/8) beat B. D. Evans (+1/8), 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "B".—P. H. Bonczman (sec.) beat P. W. Greene (+15), 6-4, 6-0.

Handicap Doubles.—N. L. H. Raitton and W. F. Cornaby (sec.) beat Dr. W. L. Thomas and M. H. Turner (+3/8), 4-6, 6-2, 5-3.

## 70-YD'S GAMES.

The following games are down for decision this afternoon:—

Handicap Singles "A".—W. L. Thomas (+15) v. R. J. Saunders (-3/8); Capt. R. H. P. West (-15) v. P. H. King (+2/8).

Club Championship.—D. J. Alfrey v. F. A. Redmond; Lt.-Col. M. Bates v. G. R. More.

Open Doubles.—M. W. and M. K. Lo v. S. E. and D. S. Greaves.

## U.S.R.C. TOURNAMENT.

The final games in the United Services Recreation Club Tournament, were played on the Club's courts at Kowloon yesterday. The results were as follows:—

Mixed Doubles.—N. Evans and Miss Wentworth beat Capt. Murphy and Mrs. Cook, 6-3, 6-3.

Men's Singles.—Major Hattersley Smith beat Major Hingstone, 8-2, 6-3.

Ladies Singles.—Miss Mason beat Miss Peck, 7-5, 7-0, 6-2.

Ladies Doubles.—Mrs. James and Miss Wentworth beat Mrs. Cavalier and Mrs. Richards, 6-2, 6-3.

Men's Doubles.—Col. Russell Brown and Major Hattersley Smith beat Mr. Hale and Mr. Childs, 4-6, 6-2, 6-0.

## PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

Colonel Butterworth, C.M.G., President of the Club, in calling upon Mrs. Luard to present the cups to the winners and runners-up, said all were pleased to see Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., and Mrs. Luard amongst them. In spite of the weather the tennis had been of a high standard and all had enjoyed it. After Mrs. Luard had presented the prizes, the President paid tribute to the useful and necessary work done by Capt. Clements, the Secretary, and the Tennis Committee. Three cheers given for Mrs. Luard brought proceedings to a close.

## ANNUAL RIFLE MEETING.

The Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Rifle meeting is to be held at Kowloon "A" Range on April 11th, 12th and 13th.

## ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL.

## ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING.

## ONE BOY WINS FOUR EVENTS.

The annual sports of the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians took place yesterday afternoon on the L.R.C. ground, Sookun-poo Valley, when one boy, Ali Ahmed, won four of the seven senior events.

The first prize-winners in the latter were as under:—High Jump, Ali Ahmed; 200 yards Handicap, S. Ismail; 100 yards Challenge Cup, Ali Ahmed; 110 yards Handicap, Ali Ahmed; One Mile Challenge Cup, Gulam Mustafa; Half Mile Challenge Cup, Gulam Mustafa; 220 yards Challenge Cup, Ali Ahmed.

The Senior Championship was won by Ali Ahmed, and the Junior Championship by A. R. Sufaid.

Mr. A. Khan (Secretary) and other masters were responsible for the arrangement of the sports and assisted in carrying them through; while the following prefects, who also helped in connection with the event, were awarded medals:—Harban Singh (head prefect), Bashir Ahmed, Gurbachan Singh, Gulam Hassan, For Dil and A. K. Sufaid.

At the conclusion of the sports, the headmaster of the school (Mr. Bish Singh) presided at the presentation of the prizes, which were distributed by Mr. U. Rumball. Mr. A. R. Sutherland, a former headmaster of the school and now Inspector of Schools, was also present.

## A HEAVY SLEEPER.

STRANGE STORY OF BURGLAR  
HOUSE.

Yip Chan Chi, a salesman at the Fook Wo rice shop, of 144, Wing Lok Street, reports to the police that a robbery was committed at the house between 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday and 4.30 a.m. on Wednesday. The robber or robbers opened the safe with a duplicate key and stole \$3,170 belonging to the firm. He declares that when he woke in the early morning he found that his hands were bound and that he had been removed from one cubicle to another.

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[2205]

## FOOTBALL.

## "SUNDAY HERALD" CHARITY CUP.

## SCOTLAND v. CHINA.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject to Rent.  
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before the 1st prox., or they will not be recognized.  
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, when they will be examined on the 21st inst., at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODFREY & DOWLING.  
No Free Lading will be countermanded by Bills of Lading will be countermanded by DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1925. [1993]

## INTIMATIONS

## KOWLOON CRESS CLUB.

THE FIRST MEETING of the above Club will be held at the CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL, Kowloon, on FRIDAY NIGHT, 20TH INSTANT, at 5.45 P.M.  
All those desirous of joining are invited to send their Names to

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[2000]

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The FORTIETH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its reformation) will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1924.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th day of March, to MONDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1925, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 10th March, 1925. [1969]

## THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 30th MARCH, 1925, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 30th to the 31st MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,  
R. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 12th March, 1925. [1978]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underinsured have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 24th, 25th and 26th MARCH, 1925, at H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, and at Kowloon Naval Depot, commencing Each day at 9.30 a.m., with an interval from 12 Noon to 1.30 p.m., OLD AND SURPLUS NAVAL STORES, etc., comprising—

Money Chests, Spring Balances, Galvanized Tubing, Dinghies, Wharves, Gigs, Bala Rastis, Boat Sails, Electrical and Wireless Telegraphy, Engines, Carbons, Electric Cable, Cooking Stoves, Ships, Fittings and Firebricks Gear, Iron Beds, Mattresses and Fittings, Life Rafts, Belts, Carpets, Bays, Mats, Table Covers, Blankets, Counterpanes, Curtains, Overcoats, Canvas, Linen, Rubber and Metallic Hoses and Tubing, Oil Cordage, Canvas Bags, Old India Rubber, Old Leather, Old Woollen and Linen Bags, Old Ammunition, Old Paint Drums, Old Cork, New Canvas Cuttings, Old Lead Battery Plates, Old Iron and Steel, Old Brass, Copper, Lamps and Fittings, Gauges, Steel Tubes, Old Steel Wire Rope, Dirty Mineral Oil, Anchors, Chain Cable and Gear, Drilling Oil, Davits, Machines, Lathes, Steel Orders, Davits, Pinnaces, Cutters and Dynamo Engines, Tables, Compasses, Binnacles, Logs, Clocks, Iron Drums, Old Packing Cases, Packing Boards, Old Casks, Riggering Chains, Buys, Wire Brushes, Glass Tubes, Side Scuttles, Baths, Anvils, Forges, Vices, Miscellaneous Tools, Bombs, Pneumatic Drills, Filters, etc., &c.

Lots may be inspected on MONDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1925.

ALSO SALE OF OLD AND SURPLUS VICTUALLING STORES AT KOWLOON ON FRIDAY, 27th MARCH, 1925, comprising—Table Linen, Implements, Serge, Flannel, etc., Bannocks, Blankets, Sundry Articles of Mess and Table Gear (including Electro-Plated Ware), Clothing, Condensed Provisions for Porting, etc., etc.  
Terms of Sale—As detailed in Catalogue.  
LAMBERT BROTHERS,  
By Appointment Auctioneers to the Admiralty.  
Hongkong, 5th March, 1925. [1970]

## BRITISH CONCESSION, TIENTSIN.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL has prepared a list of positions for the Post of OUTDOOR ASSISTANT in the Public Works Department. Candidates must have Knowledge of Mechanical Engineering. Commencing Salary—Twelve 280 Per Month.

The Council have a Vacancy also for an ASSISTANT ENGINEER. Candidates must have a Degree of Applied Science or the Equivalent. Qualifications—Commencing Salary—Twelve 400 Per Month.

Applications in Both Cases should state Age, Nationality, whether Married, and Previous Experience.  
Copies of References are Required.  
Applications must be Received here Not Later Than 31st MARCH. Addressed to the SECRETARY.

BRITISH MUNICIPALITY, TIENTSIN.  
[1972]

## PREPAID "WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS

Letters are lying at this Office for Boxes—XII, XI, X, YI, 29, 40, 380, 979, 1609, 1890.

WANTED.—A GODOWN KEEPER. Salary \$5000 Per Month. Apply "XYZ," c/o Hongkong Daily Press.

WANTED Immediately by British Firm. Small Young BRITISHER Age between 17 and 20 to Learn Trade. Good Punctual to Suitable Party. Apply by Letter to Mr. CURRIE, Davis, Boas & Co., Ltd., 6, Des Voeux Road.

TO LET.—LEYS LODGE FLATS. 4 Rooms Furnished With or Without Board or Single and Double Rooms. Suitable for Bachelors or Married Couples. Meticulous Charges. LEYS LODGE, 224, HATFIELD ROAD, FINE K. 924.

## INTIMATIONS

## THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Underinsured on FRIDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1924.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers, HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD. Hongkong, 7th March, 1925. [1958]

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on SATURDAY, the 28th of MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st of March, to 28th of March, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & CO., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 12th March, 1925. [1983]

## CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE FORTY SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on TUESDAY, the 24th of MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 21st MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1925. [1975]

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that An EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Head Office of the Society, Union Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 19th day of MARCH, 1925, at 12 noon, when the proposed Resolution will be proposed as an Ordinary Resolution, viz.—

"That out of the Unissued Capital of the Society be issued 25,000 Shares of £10 each, each to be paid-up to the extent of £4 per Share, and the balance to be paid in all other respects, and that the said additional Shares shall be so far as shall be necessary for the purpose be allotted to those Shareholders of the Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited, who have accepted or shall accept the offer of the Society made to them on the 3rd day of December, 1924 (being an offer to acquire Shares in the Association on the basis of the allotment of One Share in the Society in exchange for Six Shares in the Association), and that the balance (if any) of the said additional Shares may be allotted and disposed of by the Society's Board of Directors in such manner as such Board shall think most beneficial to the Society."

Dated the 9th day of March, 1925.  
By Order of the Board,  
PAUL LAUDER,  
General Manager.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAYR VARRY on SATURDAY, 21st MARCH, 1925, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The First Ball will be rung at 2.00 p.m. The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.  
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, Half Price.  
Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right of introducing 2 Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LESTER & DAVIS at \$5 each up to FRIDAY, 20th MARCH.  
The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

## "ROGATE"

PRIVATE BOARD RESIDENCE. 18-160, AUSTIN ROAD (Corner Austin and Kimberley Roads), Kowloon. Tel. K. 51.  
Quiet Neighbourhood with Pleasant Outlook.  
Terms Moderate.  
[1992]

## FOR SALE.

THE Motor Launch "KEEHOONG" together with Dingy and Fishing Sampan. 37'4" x 7'8" overall. Speed 8 1/2 knots on Kerosene. In Excellent Order. Full particulars on Application to W. ADAMSON, c/o SHAW, TAYLOR & CO. [1993]

## TO LET.

FROM JUNE 1st, 1925, Two OFFICE ROOMS on 2nd Floor, NEW BANK BUILDING. Most suitable for Share or Exchange Brokers. Apply to SANG KEE, same Building. [1984]

## TO LET.

STORAGE SPACE on Marine Lots with Godowns and Chinese Houses TO LET. W. B. BAILEY & CO., LTD. [1979] Kowloon Bay.

## INTIMATIONS

## JOHN DEWAR &amp; SONS, LTD.

## PERTH, SCOTLAND.

By Royal Appointment to His Majesty The King.

## "WHITE LABEL" FINEST SCOTCH WHISKY OF GREAT AGE.

AWARDED 50 GOLD AND PRIZE MEDALS.

## THE "VICTORIA VAT" THE VERY FINEST OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

As supplied to the Houses of Lords and Commons.

## SOLE AGENTS—

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LTD.

## BIRTHS.

BAILIE.—At Bury, Lancashire, on March 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. T. G. BAILIE, a daughter.

GROUT.—At Shanghai, on March 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. Gm. F. GROUT, a son.

KNIGHT.—At Shanghai, on March 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. KNIGHT, a daughter.

WILSON.—At Kuala Lumpur, on March 7th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. ARTHUR WILSON, a daughter.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.  
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 19TH, 1925.

## SLAVES IN ASIA.

THE English-speaking nations were the pioneers of the movement for the abolition of slavery, just as they were the first to recognise the equality of the sexes. The ideas of freedom, which lie at the root of all reforms connected with both movements, have spread so rapidly that we are sometimes suddenly shocked to find that there are parts of the world where slavery still exists and where women are by no means counted as the equal of men. For example, many of our readers will not doubt be surprised to learn that, until quite recently, slavery was a common practice in Nepal. The MAHARAJA of that State has announced his intention of putting an end to the system in his dominions. He has given a donation exceeding \$25,000 for the purpose of making his ideal of a no-slavery State a practical reality. Nepal is an independent Kingdom, allied to the British Empire, but it is not a vassal State of the Imperial Crown. It has always been part of the British policy

to interfere as little as possible with native customs and no doubt that has been to some extent the secret of the loyalty of the different sections of the Empire to the Imperial idea. In this matter of slavery there has always been such intense feeling in the minds of zealous reformers that it is surprising to learn that Nepal has only just rid itself of what almost every educated person now thinks is a shameful system.

We, in Hongkong, must not forget that it is only very recently that the stain of the Mut Tsa system was removed from the fair name of this Colony. Even to-day it exists very generally in China. The action of the MAHARAJA of NEPAL encourages us to believe that in time the Chinese will refuse to allow a continuation of the custom of having small girl slaves. The problem is bound up with that of the position of women and we see plenty of evidence of change of opinion on that subject.

One of the most interesting developments in this Colony during recent years has been the creation of schools for Chinese girls. When the local University, five years ago, threw open its doors to women undergraduates, a blow was delivered which, metaphorically, loosened the shackles of the girl slaves of China. It was a sudden forward step in a great movement. Reforms of this type may be encouraged by well-wishers who are lookers-on but if the reforms are to be lasting they must come from the people, who are really responsible for the country concerned. The action of the MAHARAJA of NEPAL was no doubt due to his own liberal outlook. By making his generous gesture he has shown his own people that he is willing to back his convictions. To have in any way helped the MAHARAJA to come to this conclusion was far better than an attempt to compel him to introduce the reform against his own will and that of his people. It is not too much to say that the present MAHARAJA must have been much better educated than his predecessors. In these days, when wireless whispers pass right round the world in seconds and when aeroplanes traverse a country in a few hours, it is obvious that new ideas must spread into even the most obscure corners of the earth. Asia is, the oldest and possibly the most fascinating of the continents. The custom of slavery has existed in Asia from the earliest records. It was always a selfish custom, but it has taken many thousands of years and many heroic examples to persuade mankind that happiness cannot come out of selfishness. Yet before we blame our ancestors too much we must remember that we are the heirs of much valuable knowledge. Without making any general reflections on abstract problems of morality, we must recognise that machinery has made slavery unnecessary. We now enslave the forces of nature for the performance of our work. We prefer the steamship to the vessel with galleys slaves. The most remote tribe in Asia would find a Ford tractor less troublesome than a regiment of slaves. It cannot be long before slavery is entirely abolished.

According to the notice in our advertisement columns, to-day, the Catholic Press Day, under the auspices of "Religio e Patria," will be celebrated on Sunday, the 22nd inst., at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and at the Club Lusitano. It is a matter of gratification to the Portuguese Community that a special blessing has been bestowed on the above-named monthly by His Holiness Pope Pius XI.

The party of Chinese, which left Hongkong on the Blue Funnel steamer *Thames*, on March 18th for London and the British Empire Exhibition, numbered eight-four. All arrangements were made by Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son, Ltd., including the handling of Government passport papers, passage tickets, transfer of baggage and personnel both in Hongkong and from London to the Exhibition; arrangements were also made by Cook's for sight-seeing at the various ports en route to Europe.

At the last meeting of the French Municipal Council, Shanghai, a resolution was passed with reference to the events of January 1924 last, to the effect that the defence forces engaged had forfeited the recognition of the Concession. It was resolved that the gold Medal of Honour of the Municipal Administration should be awarded to the French Volunteer Company, and also to Capt. Weyerbergh, the commander of the cruiser *Albatros* who had charge of the defence of the Concession.

Of the 171 deaths which took place in Singapore during the week ending February 28th, the Municipal Health Officer states that 20 were due to phthisis, 17 to pneumonia, 10 each to malaria and dysentery, and 7 to beriberi. Two cases of enteric fever were reported, one of these being fatal, one death occurred from diphtheria, and five cases and four deaths from plague were recorded. Seven persons died who had been less than three months resident in Singapore. The death rate was 22.43 per mille per annum compared with 26.10 in the preceding week, and the infantile death rate was 164.1 per mille. Among the deaths were included one European, 142 Chinese, 17 Malays, and 12 Indians.

Due to the serious illness of her mother, Lady Severn is returning to England, sailing by the *Empress of Canada* on Saturday.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the 24 hours ended on March 17th shows 1 case of small-pox and 1 case of enteric fever, both Chinese.

There will be a lecture on "Submarines" given by an officer from the *Vittoria*, at the "children's hour" on Friday, March 20th at 5 p.m.—Advr.

During the absence of the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, the duties of Officiating Clergyman to the Presbyterian troops will be performed by the Rev. J. H. Johnston, B.A.

At the weekly meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society yesterday evening, the subject of the lecture delivered was "What Theosophy is," in which a rather abstruse subject was dealt with in an able and lucid manner.

A full dress rehearsal of "The Gondoliers" was held by the Hongkong Philharmonic Society at the Theatre Royal last night. The first public performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's charming opera is to be given to-morrow night.

A case has been occupying the Mixed Court at Shanghai in which Mr. Arthur L. Barrett, sen., is claiming Tls. 50,000 on behalf of his six-year-old son, who was crippled as the result of being knocked down by a motor-car belonging to a Chinese resident.

A motor-car driven by a foreigner in Shanghai last week knocked down the little son of Mr. F. M. Young, an assistant engineer in the Electricity Department of the Municipal Council. The injuries are stated to be a wound on the right thigh and a fractured skull.

Sir Robert. Ho Tung is leaving for England by the *Empress of Canada* on Saturday to act again as Assistant Commissioner of the Hongkong Section of the Wembley Exhibition.

Members of the Kuomintang in Shanghai met at the late Dr. Sun's house, 29, Rue Joliet, on the 13th inst., and passed a resolution requesting their deceased leader's family not to accept a State funeral from Tuan Chi Jui's Government, as Dr. Sun's burial should be simple.

To indicate the speed with which sea-planes can be handled, from H.M.S. *Pegasus*, which made a brief stay in Hongkong recently, it may be of interest to mention that at Trincomalee a machine was launched, which got up into the air, made a complete circle of the harbour, and was taken on board again in just under five minutes.

The annual Lenten mission at the Catholic Cathedral commenced yesterday evening when the services were conducted by the Rev. Father M. J. McNeil, of the Catholic University of Tokyo, Japan. The mission will continue until next Wednesday evening, commencing each day at 8 p.m., with the exception of next Sunday, when it will commence at 4.30 p.m.

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## "DIRECTORY AND CHRONICLE FOR CHINA, JAPAN, ETC."

The 1025 edition of this Directory, now in the thirty-third year of its publication from the Office of the Hongkong Daily Press, Ltd., is now on sale.

This compendious work of reference consists of some 1,800 clearly printed and well arranged octavo pages and covers the whole of the Far East from Vladivostok (Siberia) in the North to British Malaya and the Netherlands-Indies in the South—a claim which no other similar publication can make. The various sections are each preceded by a descriptive and statistical introduction which is kept thoroughly up-to-date, and they are printed in the same order year by year so that subscribers can turn to them easily without reference to the index. The Directory portion of the book enumerates all the Foreign (as distinct from the Native) firms of importance alphabetically in the extensive area it embraces, giving their postal, telephone and cable addresses, cable codes employed, names of staff, and principal agencies held. In the case of some of the more important commercial centres, classified lists of trades and professions are also given to facilitate circulating. The volume is interspersed with coloured maps, and plans of the chief ports carefully revised each year, and at the end there is an alphabetical List of Foreign Residents which occupies nearly 250 pages. The Chronicle portion of the book occupies about 400 pages and includes international Treaties, Chinese and Japanese Tariffs, Chinese Postal Information, weights, measures, currencies, commissions, and a host of other information of value to merchants and manufacturers engaged in Far Eastern trade.

The work has now been issued annually since 1882 by the present publishers, and is to be found in Government offices as well as in all the leading financial, commercial and shipping houses in the Far East, who recognise it as an indispensable *vaude mecum*, characterised by its completeness and accuracy.



## CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.  
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## LORD CURZON.

IMPROVEMENT IS NOT BEING MAINTAINED.

LONDON, March 17th.  
The bulletin issued to-day, states Lord Curzon did not pass a good night. Yesterday's improvement has not been maintained, and the condition of the patient calls for increased anxiety to-day.

## FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

ESPECIALLY GRAVE CONDITIONS AT LENINGRAD.

RIGA, March 17th.  
The Soviet newspapers speak of serious famine conditions in parts of Russia, accentuated by the inability of the cattle-raising districts to provision the cities, especially Leningrad where riots are reported to have occurred. Angry crowds, who demanded food, were dispersed by the police.

M. Rykoff, in refusing an application for a subsidy for the metal industries, stated that 4,000,000 must be added to the starving millions, whom Government already are supporting, whilst an over-estimate of the harvest yield had caused a collapse of the budget.

## FRENCH FINANCES.

BUDGET FIGURES REDUCED BY SENATE COMMITTEE.

PARIS, March 17th.  
The Senate Financial Committee has reduced the expenditure in the Budget from frs.34,140,000,000 to frs.32,492,000,000.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## THE KING'S COMMISSION.

FOUR MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED TO ACT.

LONDON, March 17th.  
The King's Commission, to conduct State affairs during his absence, is now gazetted, and consists of:

Prince Henry, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Viscount Cave, and Mr. Stanley Baldwin, any two of whom are jointly empowered to act on behalf of His Majesty, except in the case of a dissolution of Parliament or bestowal of honours, or other matters which in their discretion require the King's authority.

The installation of Prince Henry as a Privy Councillor is also gazetted.

## TROUBLE IN INDIA.

FRACAS AT DELHI RESULTS IN ONE DEATH.

DELHI, March 17th.  
As the result of a fracas amongst supporters of rival candidates for the Delhi municipal elections, 18 Mohammedans and three Hindus were injured, and one Mohammedan subsequently succumbed.

The way to the cemetery lay through the Hindu quarter, where trouble again broke out, and 18 more persons were injured, four seriously. Altogether 25 had to be sent to hospital.

The police are at present patrolling the city, and the situation is under control.

## FINANCE BILL DISCUSSED.

During the discussion of the Finance Bill the Swarajists in the Assembly carried by 61 to 32 a motion rescuing the salt tax to one rupee per maund, despite Sir Basil Blackett's warning that a loss of revenue would be involved and mean the abandonment of relief to the provinces or certification of unredressed tax.

Several Indian members opposed the reduction of the tax on petrol to two annas a gallon, on the ground that it would benefit the rich men, but the reduction was carried by 60 to 38.

## HOME ONCE MORE.

MR. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN IS IN GOOD SPIRITS.

LONDON, March 17th.  
Though in excellent spirits, Mr. Chamberlain declined to be interviewed on his arrival at Victoria Station.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris reports a singular accident, fortunately not attended with any serious results, that befell Mr. Chamberlain while proceeding to Calais from Paris.

It appears that a passenger on an express train from Calais carelessly threw some object out of the window as the train passed the train in which Mr. Chamberlain was a passenger, smashing the window of Mr. Chamberlain's compartment.

## A TRADE MENACE.

IMPORTS TO BRITAIN OF "SWEATED" MANUFACTURES.

LONDON, March 17th.  
In the House of Commons, Sir Gratian Doyle (C., Newcastle N.) moved a resolution expressing the opinion that it was not desirable to continue unrestricted importation of foreign manufactures made in sweated countries, which was detrimental to the interests of British workmen and a contributory factor to unemployment. He referred to a rumour that a syndicate was being started in Glasgow for the purpose of importing German coal cheaper than coal could be procured in Great Britain. He asked what Labour was going to do about it.

## LABOUR AMENDMENT.

Mr. H. Dalton (Lab., Peckham) moved an amendment declaring that the interests of the British workmen cannot be helped by means of a tariff. The causes and consequences of sweating at home and abroad were indivisible, and they should be dealt with as a whole. He declared in favour of the development of International Labour Conventions throughout the world.

## PROTECTIONIST PROPAGANDA.

Major H. E. Crawford (L., Walthamstow) described the resolution as naked protectionist propaganda, and he declared that the Liberals are prepared to join in action on the lines of the Washington Convention, particularly through the League of Nations.

Mr. Tom Johnston (Lab.) referred to the sweating conditions in India. He said that when these were abolished it would be time to cast stones at Japan. He declared that Australia could not send currants to Great Britain to compete with sweated currants from Smyrna, where they were trampled with the naked feet, whereas Australian currants were handled by machinery alone. Great Britain ought to tell Greece, Turkey and the nations engaged in the production of currants that they must satisfy the Washington Convention, otherwise their products would be prohibited from entering the country.

Australia was also prevented from sending liquid eggs because she was cut out by Chinese sweated labour.

Mr. Johnston exhibited a tin of Chinese liquid eggs, assuring the House, amid laughter, that he had not punctured the lid.

The amendment was defeated, by 240 votes to 137, and the resolution was talked out.

## INTER-EMPIRE TRADE.

IMPERIAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OPENS SESSION.

LONDON, March 17th.  
The Imperial Economic Committee held its first meeting at the Board of Trade to-day.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, welcoming the Empire-wide representatives, emphasised the importance of development of imperial resources and mutual trade. He promised that the Government would do its utmost to assist the work of the committee.

Sir Halford Mackinder, replying, emphasised that the terms of reference indicated the chief competitor with which the committee was concerned was the foreign food supplier, not the home producer in Britain. The committee would therefore endeavour to secure that foodstuffs in Britain came as far as possible from inside the Empire. The committee was an experiment in Empire co-operation. The future development of the Empire both as to trade and constitution lay in the application of the principle of co-operation.

## AIR-ROUTE TO INDIA.

SIR SETTON BRANCKER ON ITS FEASIBILITY.

LONDON, March 17th.  
Major Gen. Sir Setton Branker, and Mr. Cobham, who, flew to India, have arrived at Croydon, thus completing an aerial tour of seventeen thousand miles to and from Burma, for the purpose of investigating the new air routes. Their machine and its engine were unchanged throughout.

Sir Setton Branker, interviewed, expressed the opinion that the air route to India was commercially possible. It was only a matter now of time and money.

## ELECTIONS IN EGYPT.

CAIRO, March 17th.  
To-day's election results, one Zaghlulist and four others, brings the state of the parties to 102 and 100, respectively.

## FOOTBALL AT HOME.

OLDHAM IS DEFEATED BY LEICESTER.

LONDON, March 17th.  
In the second division of the English "soccer" League, Oldham was beaten by Leicester, the latter scoring the only goal of the match.

## LAWN TENNIS RULING.

STATUS OF AMATEURS IS DEFINITELY SETTLED.

LONDON, March 17th.  
A meeting of the Council of the Lawn Tennis Association, held in London, to-day, passed a resolution to the effect that any player accepting a reduction of more than 40 per cent. in the ordinary charges made by hotels and similar establishments in connection with playing a game in any tournament, match or competition will forfeit his amateur status under Rule 27. The offer of such a reduction to a player in connection with any tournament would render a meeting liable to have the sanction of the Council withdrawn and any future sanction refused. Any reduction, not exceeding 40 per cent. which was offered, must be extended without distinction to all the players competing.

## DAVIS TENNIS CUP.

PAIRINGS FOR FIRST ROUND MADE PUBLIC.

WASHINGTON, March 17th.

Gen. Davis, in the presence of representatives of the competing nations, made the first-round draw for the Davis Cup, the pairings being as follows:

Holland vs. Czechoslovakia, Switzerland vs. Sweden, Belgium vs. India, Austria vs. Ireland, Hungary vs. France, Portugal vs. Italy, Rumania vs. Denmark and Poland vs. Britain.

In the American zone the draw is Japan vs. China, Australia vs. Hawaii, New Zealand vs. Canada.

Cuba and Spain will play a preliminary match to decide which meets Mexico.

## LATENT CABLES.

## COAL MINE TRAGEDY.

MINERS ENTOMBED FOLLOWING GAS EXPLOSION.

FAIRMONT W. VA., March 18th.  
Between 40 and 50 miners are entombed in a coal mine through an explosion, which, officials assert, was caused by a nitro-glycerine bomb being dropped down a shaft.

It is believed that 33 persons perished as a result of the explosion. The entire mine is on fire.

It is now thought that gas, not a bomb, was the cause of the explosion.

Rescue crews are busily at work.

## RAILWAY IN DIFFICULTIES.

UNABLE TO REDEEM BONDS DUE IN JUNE.

NEW YORK, March 18th.  
The directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway have decided on a readjustment, probably through a voluntary receivership, owing to the railway's inability to redeem 48 million dollars' worth of bonds, maturing in June.

Protective committees have been formed to safeguard the stock and bond holders.

## DEFEAT OF NURMI.

PAIN IN SIDE CAUSES HIM TO RETIRE.

NEW YORK, March 18th.  
In a 5,000 metres race to-day, Nurmi was defeated by Ritola. He was forced to retire, through a pain in his side, when holding a commanding lead. Nurmi, nevertheless, broke the world's records for 4,000 metres and for 4,000 yards, by 24.4-5 and 10.1-5 seconds respectively.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## SLUMP IN GRAIN.

PANIC ON AMERICAN MARKETS IS REPORTED.

CHICAGO, March 17th.  
Panic conditions have spread to other grains. There was some recovery late in the afternoon, but short-lived, and liquidation was resumed.

Delivery for May closed within two cents of the lowest quotation.

In New York stocks broke precipitately, coincidentally with the drastic declines in the grain markets. Most of the standard descriptions of rails and industrials dropped one to three points, to new low records for current movement.

## SOME WILD TRADING.

After several day's excitement on the wheat market with large net losses being recorded daily and a big overnight drop in Liverpool quotations, wheat collapsed eleven cents this morning, opening with heavy selling accompanied by the wildest trading.

## MR. WARREN'S REFUSAL.

MR. SARGENT TO BECOME ATTORNEY GENERAL.

WASHINGTON, March 17th.  
Following Mr. Warren's refusal to accept a "recess appointment" President Coolidge has nominated Mr. John Garibaldi Sargent, a former Vermont State Attorney, for the post of Attorney-General.

Later, The Senate confirmed the nomination of Mr. Sargent as Attorney-General.

## DR. JACOB SCHURMAN.

NEW YORK, March 17th.  
Dr. Jacob Schurman has been appointed Ambassador to Berlin.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

DEFENCE OF SINGAPORE.

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION OF IMPERIAL COMMITTEE.

LONDON, March 17th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Commander Kenworthy, Sir L. Worthington-Evans said the question of the defences required to protect the Singapore base was still being considered by the Committee of Imperial Defence.

It was impossible to make a statement at present with regard to the cost or the date of commencing work thereon.

The question whether the present defences were sufficient or must be increased, would depend on the committee's report.

Brigadier General Brown asked, would the Government consider approaching Australia and New Zealand to help.

Sir Worthington-Evans said that did not arise out of the original question.

## LABOUR IN STRAITS.

FULLER INFORMATION SOUGHT BY MR. WILSON.

LONDON, March 17th.

In the House of Commons, Hon. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, replying to Mr. Cecil Wilson (Lab., Jarrow), said that the fact that so large Department's annual report is devoted to details of Indian labour is no doubt due to the keen interest taken by the Government and people of India in the conditions of Indian labour abroad. A copy of the question would be sent to the Governor of the Straits Settlements in order that he could see that in future fuller information regarding Chinese and Malay labour would be welcomed.

## EXODUS FROM SAHELIE.

JAPANESE TROOPS ARE LEAVING THE ISLAND.

MOSCOW, March 17th.

The Bosta news agency announces that the Japanese evacuation of Sakhalien is proceeding normally.

Some of the areas, in the Eastern part of the island, have already been handed over to the Soviet.

## OBITUARY.

## M. HENRI CORDIER.

PARIS, March 18th.  
The death is announced of M. Henri Cordier, geographer and orientalist, who lived for several years in Peking.

The late M. Cordier was the author of many books about China.—Havas.

## VISCONTI MIURA.

PREMATURE REPORT OF DEATH CIRCULATED.

TOKYO, March 17th.

The announcement of the death of Viscount Goro Miura was premature, but his condition is most serious.

## POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was sentenced to three months' hard labour for having in his possession a watch, suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

A Chinese who was arrested at the Sham Shui Po Ferry Wharf with 8 tacks of prepared opium, being other than Government opium in his possession, was fined \$730, or six months' hard labour in default, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., a boat-master was fined \$5 for causing an obstruction at the Jubilee Street Ferry Wharf.

## THROUGH TRAINS TO PARIS.

CHANNEL FERRY.

Through trains between London and Paris may soon be made possible by the establishment of a regular ferry-boat service between Dover and Calais. The Calais Chamber of Commerce, which owns the ferry-boat landing-stages for the transference of trains from the boats to the shore and vice versa, has been approached by the railway companies with a view to joining in a scheme for a ferry-boat service.

## POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

BOXER INDEMNITY FUND.

SIR EDWARD DENISON ROSS ON EDUCATIONAL NEEDS.

LONDON, March 17th.

Sir Edward Denison Ross, Director of the School of Oriental Studies, London Institution, in a letter to the Press, recommends that £5,000 be earmarked out of the Boxer Indemnity Fund to establish a Department of Chinese Studies in London University, with Chairs in Chinese Archaeology, Chinese History and Modern Mandarin.

Sir Edward also suggests an endowment in China of Chairs in Western Art, Archaeology, Asiatic History and English Literature, with the object of fostering Sino-British intellectual relations.

## SITUATION AT LOYANG.

CITY REPORTED IN HANDS OF HU CHING YI.

PEKING, March 18th.

According to foreign reports, Loyang has been in the hands of General Hu Ching Yi since March 8th. The troops occupying the city are under the command of Yuan Wei Chun.

The forces of Kan Yu Kun and Lin Chen Hua are now said to be stationed at Mienchi.

## FOURTEENTH YEAR LOAN.

INTEREST DUE IN NINETEEN INSTALMENTS.

PEKING, March 17th.

The interest to be paid on the Fourteenth Year Loan will be by 19 instalments, after the first five of which amortisation will begin.

Interest and amortisation will be paid on March 21st and September 30th.

The amortisation drawings will be held in Peking.

The sum of \$3,000,000 will be needed for the first five interest instalments, and this will be handed over to the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications 15 days before the interest is due.

The denominations are \$10,000, \$1,000 and \$100, which can be utilised as cash in payment of taxes and duties, with the exception of customs and salt duties, and also as guarantee funds or reserve of banks.

The regulations will be carried into effect on the day of promulgation.

## MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

VICE DISMISSED AFTER ASSAULT ON HIS CHIEF.

PEKING, March 17th.

A mandate was issued at midnight summarily dismissing Mr. Ma Hsu Lin from his post of Vice-Minister of Education.

This was a sequel to a fracas that took place yesterday afternoon, when a band of students and employees of the eight Government colleges attacked Minister Wang Chiu Liu on his arrival in a motor-car to assume office.

Mr. Wang Chiu Liu, who is a prominent member of the Kuomintang and had declined to assume office until Dr. Sun Yat Sen's death, was rescued by a body-guard, and returned to his home.

Police were sent to quell the disturbance, but the students could not be persuaded to disperse until the police were withdrawn.

It is stated that Mr. Ma Hsu Lin investigated the affair because he wished to remain in charge of the Ministry.

## AFTER 200 YEARS.

IRISH HEARTH FIRES DIE.

MR. T. Henly, Governor-General of the Free State, says that conditions in parts of Ireland are worse than during the famine of 1870.

The potato crop was a total failure in Conamara, and a partial failure in Galway and Connemara, where people are bordering on starvation.

A scarcity of peat, which could not be dried owing to the wet season, increases the hardship, and hearth fires which had not been extinguished for two centuries have now gone out.

The Free State Government is sending food and selling 5,000 tons of coal at 8d. a bag. The Lady Dudley Nurses Fund has installed oil stoves in many cabins.

## MET IN A CAFE.

TALE OF ALLEGED ARMS DEAL AT SHANGHAI.

At the U.S. Court on March 11th, J. W. Maloney was charged before Judge Purdy with carrying a concealed weapon, a revolver, at the Carnation Cafe, on February 18th.

Mr. L. G. Husar, District Attorney, appeared for the prosecution; Mr. Schuhl, for defendant.

Kurt Alfred Herman, Ernst Daniels, formerly employed in the freight department of the T.K.N., said that he met defendant at the Carnation Cafe in company with a Chinese ex-police constable.

The latter told Maloney that he had known witness previously in Taingao and that he was in the employ of General Chang Chung Chang. He said he wanted to buy revolvers and wanted a sample.

Maloney insisted that they should pay down \$18 which they did and, leaving his overcoat as security, returned after about 15 minutes with one revolver under his coat and 30 rounds of ammunition.

The revolver was handed over to the Chinese who took it to Ninsu station. Previously witness had introduced the Chinese ex-constable to Maloney on February 15th saying that he wished to buy arms.

Accused said that he could produce about 40 or 50 revolvers, but only of Spanish make.

Mr. Schuhl, cross-examining asked who had instructed him to attempt to catch Maloney. Witness replied that he had been instructed by Det. Sergeant Henry.

Did Mr. Maloney ask the Chinese if he had a permit to purchase arms?—I don't know if he asked him, but he showed it him.

## A SAMPLE OF MORPHINE.

Kuo Ka Ze, the ex-police constable, said that accused sold him a pistol and 100 rounds. Accused left the shop and went out by the front door returning by the same way. He came back after about 20 minutes' absence and handed witness a pistol and also a sample of morphine.

Mr. Schuhl: How long have you known Mr. Daniels?—Not very long, about half a month.

How long were you in the police?—About three years.

Have you the morphine?—No. He showed it to me wrapped up in paper and put a little on my tongue.

Why did you say you were employed by General Chang Chung Chang?—Because he would not have sold to me otherwise.

Did you show him the permit?—Yes, it was a real one, but was made out to another man and was a permit to buy food. It had the seal of the Chinese Government and defendant did not know Chinese.

Mr. Schuhl raised the point that the prosecution would have to prove intent on the part of the defendant to use the arms which he carried. Counsel for the prosecution, however, took the view that the carrying of such arms would be sufficient for a conviction.

The Judge said that this was a serious case as the prosecution arose from an attempt to see where arms were coming from. That seemed to be at the back of the case. However, accused was charged with carrying concealed arms, and they could not charge a man with one offence and try him for another.

The trial was adjourned.

## "DOWN-AND-OUT" RUSSIANS.

REPORT OF THE SHANGHAI CHARITY COMMITTEE.

The report of the Charity Organization Committee of the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai for the year ending December 31st, 1924, contains the following statement:

The continued presence of large numbers of refugees from Russia has naturally increased the work of the office. Much time and thought have been expended on the appeals which have come from these unfortunates. No other class of applicant has proved so difficult to help. Few positions are open to them, partly on account of their lack of knowledge of any language save their own, and partly to their want of training in any skilled work.

The hopeless outlook for those of them who remain in Shanghai has justified the Committee's recommendations to other agencies that grants towards passages should be made to enable them to proceed to other countries.

Several have thus been enabled to leave for Australia. Preliminary inquiries are, of course, made with regard to the necessary permits and passports, the applicant's future plans, and the likelihood of relatives or friends awaiting him at his future destination.

The sums contributed have not been large; they have, for the most part, been just the amount required to complete the purchase of the ticket.

Owing to trade depression it has not been easy to find positions for men and women.

The fact that the refugee is willing to accept a low salary has undoubtedly made it more difficult for other nationals to secure posts. The successful applicants, however, have proved satisfactory.

It cannot be too often repeated that Shanghai is no longer an Eldorado to the man seeking a big game. There are hundreds of men and women in this Settlement who are earning a hard mouth existence, and the prospect of a change in these conditions is very remote.

## DEATH OF SIR JAMES RAMSAY.

The death is announced of Sir James Ramsay, the historian and father of the Duchess of Atholl.





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## A RUM BUSINESS.

### BUCCANEERING UP TO DATE.

Every now and again the cry goes up that England is falling behind in the race, that we can't play cricket for ants, that our girls are not what they used to be, and so on. You know the sort of thing, writes C. O. in a London paper. I suppose it is that we like to rest in pessimism. We refuse to be so banal as to look on the bright side of things. The man who does not mind being deceived so long as he remains a gentleman is our besetting sin.

It must be so, or we should make more fuss about some of the things which shed lustre on our race. For instance, the following, which is a telegram just received from Washington:

"A report of the Department of Justice states that of the 332 foreign vessels engaged in the rum-running trade last year, 10 fewer than 307 flew the British flag."

Here is something which shows that the old English—and Scotch—spirit still lives; that where there is danger there is found and profits to be made—we are still the boys of the bulldog breed. And yet our newspapers make no fuss about it.

If this were any other country but England there would be a wave of patriotic joy at this. There would, for instance, be letters to the newspapers.

"Dear Sir,—As a patriotic Englishman I cannot help being thrilled to hear of those brave lads of ours striking a blow for freedom in Rum Row. It should give pause to those croakers and dismal families who are constantly crying that Old England is on the down grade."

Yours truly, A Mother of Six.

But that sort of woman does not seem to exist any longer. Mothers of six are as rare as pieces of eight.

Which reminds one how pleasantly piratical a flavour there is in all this. The sturdy devotion of America to be dry at all costs—even though it costs six times as much to get the right stuff—has brought a breath of old-time romance into many an office in the city.

Many a man who knows who lives an outwardly respectable life is steeped in the shows in this romantic traffic, which enables America to be the good boy of all the nations of Geneva, without ever going to bed thirsty at home. The following sort of thing takes place every morning in Throgmorton Street:

"I'm just off for golf at Wimbledon, Perkins. By the way, what's the latest news of the *Good Intent*?"

"Anchored off Rum Row last night, sir, and is now discharging cargo. Wireless just to hand."

"Good. Did Captain Knuckelbush get all those new automobiles he asked for?"

"Yes, sir. And the gas bombs."

"Splendid. Fine fellow, Knuckelbush. He'll stand no nonsense from the Revenue fellows. Well, I'll be off."

A STORY FOR THE ARCHDEACON.

"Captain Bones is below, sir, and would like to see you."

"Confound it. And the wife's waiting for lunch at the Carlton. Well, show him up."

"Morning, Cap'n Bones. You led 'em a pretty dance last trip, I hear."

"That we did, sir, dropped a load of rum on the revenue cutter."

"Nobody hurt, I hope?"

"Lost with all hands, sir. Dead men tell no tales."

"Dear, dear. That's a pity. Still there are risks in every trade. I must tell my friend the Archdeacon about that. He loves a good story. Anything I can do for you, Cap'n Bones?"

"Well, sir, the hands are a little dissatisfied. They want a four-valve set in the engine, and that new edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. Also the Oxford Dictionary for these cross-words."

"Only too delighted. Give 'em the lot. And see that they get all the popular magazines. And remember this, Cap'n Bones, in case of trouble—um low. That's all, I think. I must be pushing along now."

"And yet we talk as though adventure were dead. Someday a new Stevenson will arise, and show us the glory of the times we live in."

"TAKE OUR WIVES?"

"EMPHATICALLY—NO!"

Amusing passages occurred at a recent meeting of the Radfern (Australia) Council, when the members decided to pay a visit to the Cataract Dam.

Alderman Gilmore said that the Aldermen could take their wives and have an enjoyable motor trip.

The Mayor (Alderman Moore): You say a good outing, and then advise us to take our wives?

Alderman Boyd: I move that Alderman Gilmore no longer be heard. We'll go, but we won't take our wives. If we can't raise enough money among us, we'll put the rate up to pay for the trip. We might go from Macao by aeroplane.

The Mayor facetiously suggested that the council's steam track might be used.

Alderman McGrath asked for permission to travel in the engineer's sulky.

"I am a bit nervous of motor cars," he said. "Some drivers drink, and it's not running any risks. The Mayor granted permission."

Alderman Boyd: How about our wives? Are they coming?

The Mayor: No—emphatically no! They stay at home!

"IMMORAL" SINGING.

CANON ON THOSE WHO CANNOT SING.

Speaking at York last month on religion and music, Canon Bell, Precentor of York Minster, said:—"I believe God does not want people to be so concerned as to think they can sing when they cannot. I believe we can play golf or cricket to the glory of God, but I do not believe it is any good trying to sing a song to the glory of God if we cannot sing at all. I credit God with too much intelligence to be pleased with anything of that kind. A great deal of church and chapel music is beneath contempt, and even immoral, appealing to all that is low."

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## THE ETHICS OF THUGGEE. CULT OF HEREDITARY MURDER.

Among the most perfect organizations existing in India before the advent of the Europeans to the country, was Thuggee, a cult, which had for its basis both religion and heredity, and, in consequence, its origin was purely legendary and its practice, not only confined to the Hindus, but common both to them and the Mahomedans.

The Thugs, according to an ancient tradition, derived their origin from seven tribes who lived in the vicinity of Delhi, and were all of the Mahomedan faith, but in whatever way the change was effected, the Thug seems to have been laid aside, and all their legends as well as superstitions founded upon Hinduism.

Their patron goddess was Kali, the blood-thirsty wife of Siva, the Destroyer. Legend says, Kali encountered a monstrous giant, whose blood she drank, and it fell became a destructive demon. The blood of each demon thus produced possessed the same property, and an enormous brood was generated, threatening the world with destruction. There would have been no remedy for the evil, for the more they were slain the more they multiplied, had not Kali created two men and given them handkerchiefs or waistbands with which they were able to strangle the demons, which could only be propagated by blood. The instrument of strangulation became the property of the men who had used them so successfully, and to make the gift of value, the goddess authorized them and their descendants to make strangulation their trade.

## HEREDITARY MURDERERS.

In accordance with this strange legend, the Thugs became hereditary murderers, and spread throughout Central India and even into parts of the Deccan.

Though formed into fraternities "by initiatory rites," and able to recognize each other by the use of particular signs, they lived as ordinary inhabitants of the country, following peaceful avocations and trades. At the same time they had spies in all directions, and were constantly supplied with news of the movements of travellers, and when news reached them of the movement of a large caravan, they quitted their homes in bands more or less numerous, and concealing their true character by various disguises, fell in, as if by accident, with the persons whom they had previously marked down as their victims. Being adepts in the art of lulling suspicion and winning confidence, they seldom experienced difficulty in finding an opportunity of effecting their purpose. On a sudden a piece of cloth or an unfolded turban was thrown round the neck of the unsuspecting traveller, tightened, and held fast till they were suffocated. To remove all suspicion and evidence of the crime, the bodies, after being plundered of all property of value, were carefully buried out of sight. Many other methods to procure secrecy were employed.

## CAREFUL SELECTION OF VICTIMS.

Possessing the most extensive means of information, they endeavoured, as much as possible, to avoid the risk of detection by murdering persons who would not be much enquired after, or soon missed, or whose disappearance would be attributed to flight. Soldiers on leave with their pay saved up, were considered safe victims. True, the amount found on their person was not much, but still, as they were not expected home, their families would not know they had started for home, and if their leave expired and was prolonged beyond the period for which it was granted, they were written off as deserters, and never heard of again. Another safe victim was a servant entrusted with treasure. Taking his life had a certain amount of risk in it, for his disappearance would set enquiries afoot early, and, if all search for him failed, he was put down as a felon who had betrayed his trust.

The Thugs were not like ordinary robbers who were bound by some crime against society, or broken loose from its restraint. They formed a confederacy of criminality, and though not of one caste, considered themselves entitled, and even bound to follow murder as a hereditary trade. The feeling of guilt or remorse following upon it, were unknown to them, for they put down the death of all their victims to their destiny, and looked upon murder and robbery as acts rather of merit than deeds to repent of.

Before undertaking any expedition, they waited for some sign or omen, which was said to intimate that Kali approved of it; and when the atrocity was permitted, no time was lost in sending her an offering by the hand of the person who had thrown the fatal noose, and who was deemed to be for the time, her special favourite.

The greatest criminals have been careful to guard the purity of their families by keeping from them the kind of life they led, or at least, prohibited them from becoming sharers in their crimes. Not so the Thug. His occupation had come to him by descent and the son must do as the father had done before him. Accordingly the home of every Thug was a school of murder, the son being carefully trained in the cult of Thuggee—"CLAUDIOS" in the Englishman.

## READY TO DISARM.

GREECE SETS EXAMPLE.

A London cable to Australian papers says:—Greece has given a notable lead in disarmament. The Greek Minister to Switzerland, says the Geneva correspondent of The Times, has sent a letter to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, stating that, in accordance with a resolution of the last Assembly, the Greek Government is reducing its military expenditure strictly to the limit of national security. He adds that Greece would be prepared to cease ordering new naval material if her neighbours would similarly pledge themselves by treaty, giving satisfactory guarantees.

## SIR ROBERT CORYNDON.

STORY OF A CROWDED LIFE.

Sir Robert Coryndon, K.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Kenya, and High Commissioner of Zanzibar, who died at Nairobi on February 10th, was the son of Mr. Selby Coryndon, of Plymouth. He was born at Queenstown, Cape Colony, on April 2nd, 1870, and was educated at Cheltenham College. He joined the British South Africa Company in 1889, and afterwards served in the Pioneer force for the occupation of Mashonaland.

In 1896 Mr. Cecil Rhodes made him his private secretary, and Mr. Coryndon acted in that capacity during the Parliamentary inquiry into the Jameson Raid. He served in the Matabele War of 1893, and the Matabele rebellion of three years later, and in 1897 he was appointed Resident with Lewanika, and representative of the British South Africa Company in Barotseland. He led expeditions to Lealui and the Upper Zambezi River, and in 1900 was appointed Administrator of North-Western Rhodesia. Afterwards he successively held the offices of Resident Commissioner for Swaziland and for Basutoland, and Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Uganda. In September, 1922, he was made Governor of Kenya and High Commissioner of Zanzibar.

Sir Robert Coryndon, who was created K.C.M.G. in 1911 and K.C.M.G. in 1919, was an ardent big game hunter, and possessed a private collection of trophies which is probably unique. It is related that during one of his trips into the African hinterland he caught a crocodile with a fish hook, the reptile being shot by one of his party when it came to the surface during the struggle. He leaves a widow, a daughter of the late Mr. J. C. Worthington, whom he married in 1909, three sons, and a daughter. He recently entertained the Duke and Duchess of York at Government House, Nairobi, during their Royal Highnesses' visit to East Africa.

## "NO LEEKS, LOOK YOU!"

DAFFODIL AS WELSH EMBLEM ON P.O. STATIONERY.

The battle that must come between the leek and the daffodil may well be fought out in the streets of London, for the encyclopaedias combine to describe the leek as "the national emblem of the Welsh, who wear it in their hats on St. David's Day." Yet His Majesty's Government have printed the daffodil in Wales' little quarter of the State shield on the Post Office stationery.

"I feel Mr. Harthorn, the South Wales M.P., who was Postmaster-General under the late Government, may have had something to do with the change," the Evening Standard was told by Sir Vincent Evans, secretary of the Honourable Society of Cymrodorion. Mr. Harthorn has sailed for Jamaica.

It has long been a debated point whether the leek or the daffodil is the true emblem of Wales. It is a question of a confusion of names. The Welsh word for leek is "cennin," and in some parts of Wales the daffodil is called St. Peter's Leek, and therefore also "cennin." And there you are!

"But I think the mass of the people are drawn to the leek, which can look very artistic as a heraldic device. After all, when the Welsh Guards were formed, during the war, they were given the leek as their emblem."

The controversy has been raging for some years, and I think Mr. Lloyd George favours the daffodil. The only objection I have ever heard raised to the leek is that it can be put into use as a rather inglorious vegetable."

"Welshmen" will not, perhaps, delve too deeply into the history of the leek, for although it has been honoured by the Pharaohs and the Romans, it is described in encyclopaedias as "the chief ingredient in the Scots national dish, cock-a-leekie."

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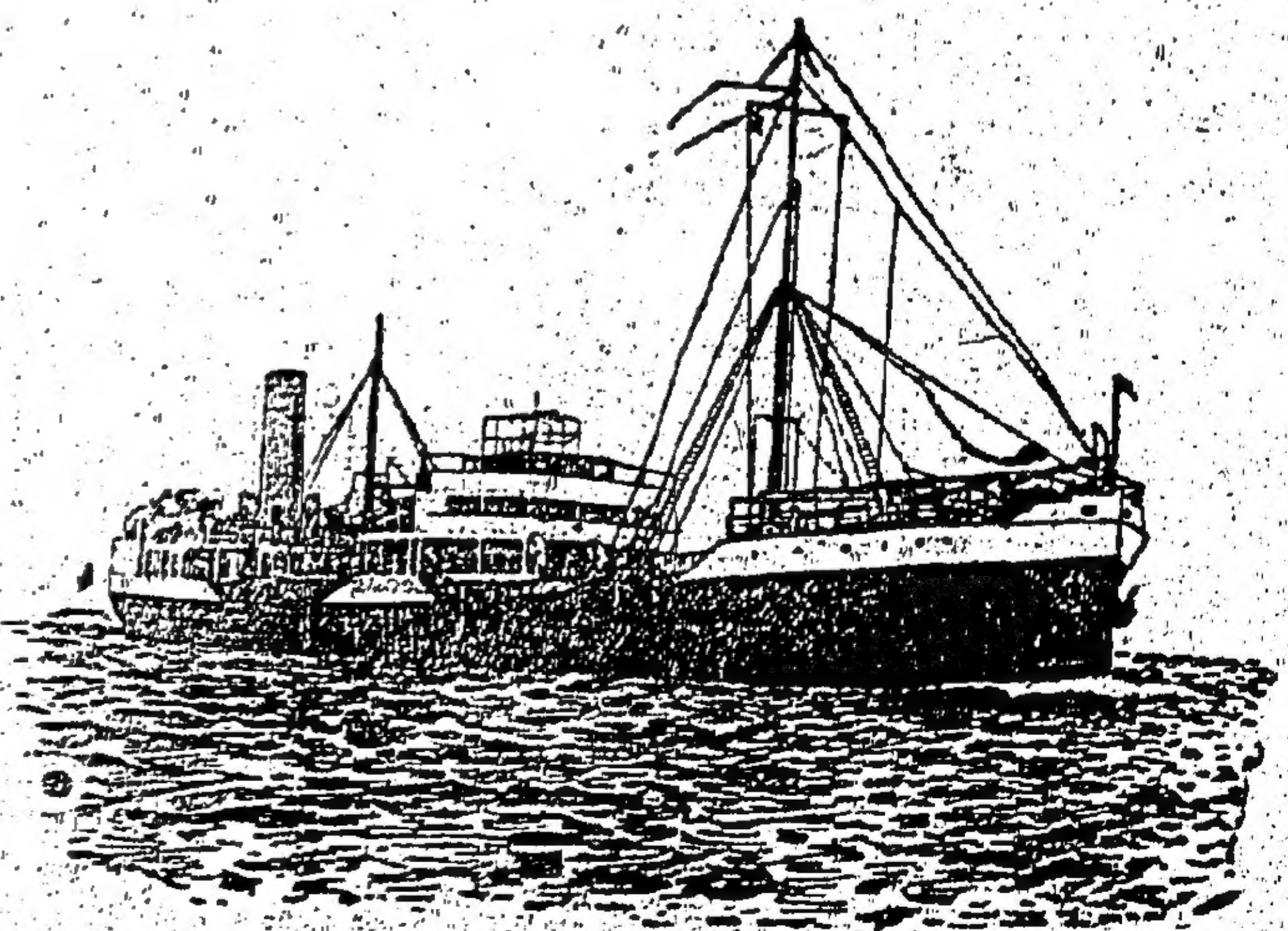
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